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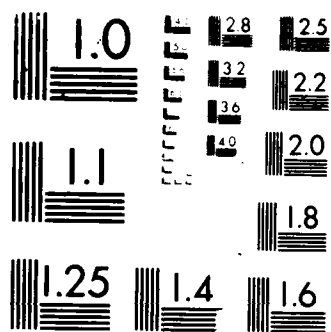
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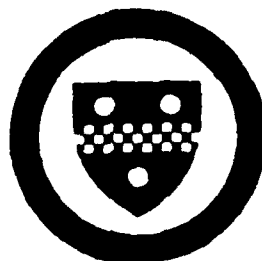
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1. Introduction. Inference problems in variance components models have been investigated extensively in the literature. These include estimation of fixed effects and variance components (the latter mostly by the MINQUE method and its modifications) as well as tests of hypotheses for both fixed effects and variance components in general mixed ANOVA models. For such models with balanced data, it is known that the usual tests for fixed effects are optimal (UMPU, UMPI) [vide Seifert (1978, 1979)]. However, for tests on variance components, optimal tests are known only for special models like the one way classification model and two way classification model with or without interaction [vide Herbach (1959), Spjøtvoll (1967), Das and Sinha (1986)]. Some exact tests are obtained in Seifert (1981, 1985). It may be mentioned that the recent book by Arnold (1981) while dealing with tests of variance components mentions no optimum tests but only some valid exact tests.

In this paper a general balanced ANOVA model with mixed effects is considered and UMPU and UMPI tests are obtained for hypotheses on fixed effects as well as variance components. The tests are derived under the usual assumption of normality of the random effects and it is shown that the tests coincide with the standard F-tests. Null, nonnull and optimality robustness of the UMPI test [vide Kariya and Sinha (1985)] against suitable deviations from normality of random effects is established. It may be mentioned that for unbalanced mixed effects models, even though exact tests are available in some cases [vide Thompson (1955a, 1955b), Thomsen (1975), Pincus (1977) and Seely and El-Bassiouni (1983)], the problem of deriving optimum tests for variance components in general is still open (see, however, Das and Sinha (1986) and Spjøtvoll (1967) for the one way unbalanced random effects model). This is currently under investigation and will be reported elsewhere.

## 2. Mixed Models with Balanced Data and a Canonical Form.

The model under consideration is

$$(2.1) \quad Y = X_1 \alpha_1 + \dots + X_k \alpha_k + Z_1 u_1 + \dots + Z_C u_C.$$

Here  $Y$  is the  $n$ -dimensional vector of observations,  $X_i = 1_n$  (the  $n$  component



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vector of ones),  $\alpha_1 = \mu$ , the general effect,  $\alpha_i$ 's are the vectors of fixed effects ( $i = 2, \dots, k$ ),  $u_j$ 's are the vectors of random effects ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c-1$ ) due to the various factors (crossed or nested) and their interactions. We assume that  $Z_c = I_n$ , the identity matrix of order  $n$ , and  $u_c$  is the vector of experimental errors. The  $u_j$ 's are assumed to be independent random variables distributed as normal with means 0 and covariance matrices  $\sigma_j^2 I_{k_j n}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c$ ) ( $\sigma_j^2 > 0$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, c-1$  and  $\sigma_c^2 > 0$ ). Thus  $E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i \alpha_i = X\alpha$ , where  $X = (X_1 : \dots : X_k)$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1', \alpha_2', \dots, \alpha_k')'$  and  $D(Y) = V = \sum_{j=1}^c \sigma_j^2 V_j$ , where  $V_j = Z_j Z_j'$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c$ ) and  $V_c = I_n$ . Each  $X_i$  (and each  $Z_j$ ) is a kronecker product of identity matrices and the vectors 1 of appropriate orders. Hence  $V_j$  is a kronecker product of I and J matrices, where  $J = 11'$ . For a detailed description of models with balanced data, we refer to Seifert (1979) or Anderson et. al. (1984).

Let  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) and  $Q_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c-1$ ) be projectors where  $P_i = \frac{1}{n} J_n$  such that  $Y'P_i Y$  and  $Y'Q_j Y$  are the sum of squares due to  $\alpha_i$  and  $u_j$  (as in the fixed effects models) respectively. Clearly  $P_i$ 's and  $Q_j$ 's satisfy  $P_i P_t = 0$  ( $i \neq t$ ),  $Q_j Q_t = 0$  ( $j \neq t$ ) and  $P_i Q_j = 0$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . The error sum of squares is  $Y'(I_n - \sum_{i=1}^k P_i - \sum_{j=1}^{c-1} Q_j)Y = Y'Q_c Y$  (say). We note that each  $P_i$  (and each  $Q_j$ ) is a kronecker product of matrices of the form  $I_a, \frac{1}{b} J_b$  and  $I_d - \frac{1}{d} J_d$  (this follows from the rules for writing down the sum of squares for balanced data given in Searle (1971, pp.389-404); see also Seifert (1979), Section 2). Consequently, for each  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $V_i P_j$  (and  $V_i Q_j$ ) is either zero or a multiple of  $P_j$  (respectively  $Q_j$ ). Since  $V = \sum_{i=1}^c \sigma_i^2 V_i$ , we get  $VP_j = \beta_j P_j$  and  $VQ_j = \delta_j Q_j$ , where  $\beta_j$  and  $\delta_j$  are positive linear combinations of  $\sigma_i^2$ 's. Hence

$$(2.2) \quad V = \sum_{j=1}^k VP_j + \sum_{j=1}^{c-1} VQ_j = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j P_j + \sum_{j=1}^{c-1} \delta_j Q_j.$$

Consequently

$$(2.3) \quad V^{-1} = \sum_{j=1}^k \phi_j P_j + \sum_{j=1}^{c-1} \tau_j Q_j, \text{ where } \phi_j = 1/\beta_j \text{ and } \tau_j = 1/\delta_j.$$

If  $P = \sum_{j=1}^k P_j$ , then  $X\hat{\beta} = PY$  is the BLUE of  $X\beta$ . If  $\text{rank}(P_j) = p_j$  and  $\text{rank}(Q_j) = q_j$ , then  $|V^{-1}| = (\prod_{j=1}^k \phi_j^{p_j}) (\prod_{j=1}^{c-1} \tau_j^{q_j})$ .

Using the above expressions for  $\bar{V}^{-1}$  and  $|V|$ , and using the relation  $(Y - X\beta)'V^{-1}(Y - X\beta) = (Y - PY)'V^{-1}(Y - PY) + (PY - X\beta)'V^{-1}(PY - X\beta) = Y'QV^{-1}QY + (PY - X\beta)'V^{-1}(PY - X\beta)$  (where  $I - P = Q = \sum_{i=1}^c Q_i$ ), the density of  $Y$  can be written as

$$(2.4) \quad f(y) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \left( \prod_{j=1}^k \sigma_j^{p_j/2} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^c \tau_j^{q_j/2} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^c \tau_j y' Q_j y + \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i (S_i' y - \tau_i)' (S_i' y - \tau_i) \right] \right)$$

where we write  $P_i = S_i S_i' (S_i' S_i = I_{p_i})$  and  $\tau_i = S_i' X \beta$ . The parameter space is  $\Omega = \{\tau, \sigma, \gamma: \tau_j > 0, \forall j; \sigma_i > 0, \forall i; \tau_i \in R^{p_i}, \forall i\}$ . Clearly  $S_i' Y$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ) and  $Y' Q_j Y$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c$ ) jointly form a complete sufficient statistic. From the definition of  $\tau_i$  and  $\sigma_j$ , it follows that  $\frac{1}{q_j} E(Y' Q_j Y) = \frac{1}{\tau_j}$  and  $\frac{1}{p_j} E[(S_i' Y - \tau_i)' (S_i' Y - \tau_i)] = \frac{1}{\sigma_j}$ . The terms  $\tau_j Y' Q_j Y$  and  $\sigma_i (S_i' Y - \tau_i)'$  ( $S_i' Y - \tau_i$ ) are independent and have central chisquared distributions with degrees of freedom  $q_j$  and  $p_i$  respectively (see Searle (1971), p. 409). The hypothesis of interest on the fixed effects is  $H_\gamma: \tau_i = 0$  for any given  $i$ . An exact test can be obtained if  $\sigma_i$  coincides with one of the  $\tau_j$ 's. Thus, if  $\sigma_i = \tau_1$ , then under  $H_\gamma, \frac{Y' P_i Y / p_i}{Y' Q_1 Y / q_1}$  has central F-distribution. For many balanced models, testing  $\sigma_i^2 = 0$  is equivalent to testing if two  $\tau_j$ 's are equal. For testing  $H_\gamma: \tau_i = \tau_j$ , an F-test can be obtained similar to the test for  $H_\gamma$  described above.

**Remark.** It is not always true that  $\sigma_i$  will coincide with one of the  $\tau_j$ 's. It is also not true that  $\sigma_i^2 = 0$  is always equivalent to the equality of two  $\tau_j$ 's. A counter-example for the latter is a balanced model involving 3 factors A, B, C and the two factor interactions AB and AC, where C is nested within B and all the effects are assumed to be random. The expected values of the various sum of squares are given in Table 9.4 in Searle (1971), p. 394 (also given on p. 411). It can be verified that  $\sigma^2_b = 0$  (in Searle's notation) is not equivalent to the equality of two  $\tau_j$ 's in our notation.

### 3. Optimal Tests and Their Robustness.

Writing  $v_j = Y'Q_j Y$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, c$ ) and  $w_i = S_i' Y$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ), it follows from (2.4) that the joint density of  $v_1, \dots, v_c, w_1, \dots, w_k$  is given by

$$(3.1) \quad c(\tau, \theta) \prod_{j=1}^c v_j^{\frac{q_j}{2}-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\sum_{j=1}^c \tau_j v_j + \sum_{i=1}^k \theta_i (w_i - \tau_i)'(w_i - \tau_i)\right]\right).$$

- a) To test  $H_0: \gamma_k = 0$  vs  $H_1: \gamma_k \neq 0$ . Assume  $\theta_k = \tau_1$ , so that an exact test is the F-test based on  $w_k' w_k / v_1$ . If  $\gamma_k$  is a scalar, then it follows from standard results of multiparameter exponential family that this test is UMPU (see Lehmann (1959), Chapter 4). However, if the dimension of  $\gamma_k$  is more than one, then a UMPU test does not exist. In this case a UMPI test (which coincides with the above F-test) can be derived easily. For this, we note that the above testing problem is invariant under the group of transformations  $(v_1, \dots, v_c, w_1, \dots, w_k) \rightarrow \alpha(v_1, \dots, v_c, w_1 + \mu_1, \dots, w_{k-1} + \mu_{k-1}, Pw_k)$ , where  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\mu_i$ 's are arbitrary vectors and  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix. A maximal invariant with respect to the above group is given by  $(\frac{w_k' w_k}{v_1}, \frac{v_2}{v_1}, \dots, \frac{v_c}{v_1}) = (T_1, T_2, \dots, T_c) = T'$  (say). The null distribution of  $T$  can be computed as

$$(3.2) \quad \text{Constant} \times \prod_{i=2}^c \xi_i^{q_i/2} h(T) \left[1 + \xi_2 \frac{T_2}{1+T_1} + \dots + \xi_c \frac{T_c}{1+T_1}\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}[p_k + \sum_{i=1}^c q_i]},$$

where  $\xi_i = \frac{\tau_i}{\tau_1}$  and  $h(T)$  is a function of  $T$ . Thus, under  $H_0$ ,  $Z = (T_2/1 + T_1, \dots, T_c/1 + T_1)$  is sufficient for the nuisance parameters  $(\xi_2, \dots, \xi_c)$  and it can be shown that the distribution of  $Z$  is complete. On the other hand, the nonnull distribution of  $T$  is given by

$$(3.3) \quad \prod_{i=2}^c \xi_i^{q_i/2} h(T) \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\gamma_k' \gamma_k}{\tau_1}\right)^r d_r(T_1/1 + T_1)^r \left[1 + \xi_2 \frac{T_2}{1+T_1} + \dots + \xi_c \frac{T_c}{1+T_1}\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}[p_k + \sum_{i=1}^c q_i] - r},$$

where  $d_T > 0$  are constants. Given  $Z$ , this is monotone in  $T_1/1 + T_1$ . Since the null distribution of  $T_1/1 + T_1$  is independent of any parameters, it follows from Basu's theorem (Lehmann (1959), page 162) that  $T_1/1 + T_1$  and  $Z$  are distributed independently, under  $H_0$ . Consequently, the test based on  $T_1/1 + T_1$ , i.e., the F-test based on  $T_1$ , is UMPI.

- b. To test  $H_T: \tau_1 = \tau_2$  vs  $H_1: \tau_2 > \tau_1$ . In this case the F-test based on  $v_2/v_1$  is clearly UMPU. To show that the same test is also UMPI, we note that the above testing problem is invariant under the group of transformations  $(v_1, \dots, v_c, w_1, \dots, w_k) \rightarrow (\alpha v_1, \dots, \alpha v_c, \sqrt{\alpha}(w_1 + \mu_1), \dots, \sqrt{\alpha}(w_k + \mu_k))$ , where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\mu_i$ 's are arbitrary vectors. A maximal invariant is  $(\frac{v_2}{v_1}, \dots, \frac{v_c}{v_1}) = T^*$  (say). From (3.1), the density of  $T^*$  is obtained as

$$(3.4) \quad f(T^*|\xi) = c(\xi)[1 + \xi_2 T_2 + \dots + \xi_c T_c]^{-q/2} h(T^*)$$

where  $q = \sum_{j=1}^c q_j$  and  $\xi_j = \tau_j/\tau_1$ ,  $j = 2, \dots, c$ . Under the null hypothesis  $H_T: \xi_2 = 1, (\frac{T_3}{1+T_2}, \dots, \frac{T_c}{1+T_2})$  is sufficient for the nuisance parameters  $(\xi_3, \dots, \xi_c)$  and it can be shown that its null distribution is complete. Arguing as before, it can be seen that the test based on  $v_2/v_1$  is UMPI.

We shall now discuss briefly the robustness of the above tests when  $Y$  has an elliptically symmetric distribution. Thus the density of  $Y$  is

$$(3.4) \quad f(y) = |V|^{-\frac{n}{2}} \phi[(y - X\beta)' V^{-1} (y - X\beta)]$$

where  $\phi$  is a nonnegative function on  $(0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\int_{R^n} \phi(u'u) du = 1$ .

Write  $Q_j = S_j^* S_j^{*'} and  $W_j^* = S_j^{*'} Y$  where  $S_j^{*'} S_j^* = I_{q_j}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, c$ . Making the orthogonal transformation:  $Y \rightarrow W = (W_1', \dots, W_k', W_1^{*'}, \dots, W_c^{*'})'$ , it follows that the density of  $W$  is$

$$(3.5) \quad f(w) = \left( \prod_{j=1}^k \sigma_j^{p_j/2} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^c \tau_j^{q_j/2} \right) \phi \left[ \sum_{j=1}^c \tau_j w_j^{*'} w_j^* + \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i (w_i - \tau_i)' (w_i - \tau_i) \right]$$

Since  $\phi$  is arbitrary, it is clear that the standard argument of multiparameter exponential family to claim UMPU properties of the appropriate F-tests for the hypotheses  $H_\gamma: \gamma_k = 0$  and  $H_\tau: \tau_1 = \tau_2$  breaks down. However, the principle of invariance still applies and the following results hold.

- (a)' For testing  $H_\gamma: \gamma_k = 0$  versus  $H_1: \gamma_k \neq 0$ , assuming  $\phi_k = \tau_1$ , the F-test based on  $w_k' w_k / w_1' w_1^*$ , which is the same as  $w_k' w_k / v_1$ , is UMPI whenever  $\phi$  is convex. This test is also null robust. This follows essentially from Kariya (1981).
- (b)' For testing  $H_\tau: \tau_1 = \tau_2$  versus  $H_1: \tau_2 > \tau_1$ , as already observed, the problem is invariant under the group G of transformations  $\{g: g = (\alpha, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_k), \alpha > 0, \mu_i \text{'s are arbitrary vectors}\}$  acting on  $w$  as  $g(w) = \alpha((w_1 + \mu_1)', \dots, (w_k + \mu_k)', w_1^*, \dots, w_k^*)'$ . Then  $d\mu_1, \dots, d\mu_k d\alpha/\alpha$  is a left invariant measure on G, then applying the representation theorem due to Wijsman (1967), the ratio of the nonnull to null distributions of T is given by

$$(3.6) \quad R = \frac{\int_G f(g(w) | H_1) J^{-1} d\mu_1 \dots d\mu_k d\alpha/\alpha}{\int_G f(g(w) | H_\tau) J^{-1} d\mu_1 \dots d\mu_k d\alpha/\alpha}$$

where J is the jacobian of the transformation  $w \rightarrow g(w)$ . Using (3.5) and the result of Dawid (1977), the numerator of R simplifies to

$$(3.7) \quad \left( \prod_{j=1}^k \phi_j^{p_j/2} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^C \tau_j^{q_j/2} \right) \int_0^\infty \int_{R^{p_1}} \int_{R^{p_k}} \phi \left[ \alpha^2 \sum_{j=1}^C \tau_j w_j^* w_j^* + \right. \\ \left. + \alpha^2 \sum_{i=1}^k \phi_i (w_i + \mu_i - \gamma_i)' (w_i + \mu_i - \gamma_i) \right] \cdot \alpha^n \cdot d\mu_1 \dots d\mu_k d\alpha/\alpha \\ = \left( \prod_{j=1}^C \tau_j^{q_j/2} \right) \int_0^\infty \tilde{\phi} \left[ \alpha^2 \sum_{j=1}^C \tau_j w_j^* w_j^* \right] \alpha^{n-s-1} d\alpha \\ = \left( \prod_{j=1}^C \tau_j^{q_j/2} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^C \tau_j w_j^* w_j^* \right)^{-(n-s)/2} \cdot \left\{ \int_0^\infty \tilde{\phi}(\alpha^2) \alpha^{n-s-1} d\alpha \right\}$$

where  $\tilde{\phi}(x) = \int_{R^{p_1}} \dots \int_{R^{p_k}} \phi(x + u_1' u_1 + \dots + u_k' u_k) du_1 \dots du_k$  and  $s = \sum_{j=1}^k p_j/2$ .

Since the denominator of  $R$  corresponds to the expression in (3.7) under  $H_7$ , follows that the ratio  $R$  is independent of  $\phi$ . This means that the normal theory result obtains. Consequently, we have established the null, nonnull and optimality robustness of the  $F$ -test based on  $v_2/v_1$ . See Kariya and Sinha (1985) for detail.

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